IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT:-

THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR.V.K.BALI
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.RAMACHANDRAN

THURSDAY, THE 4TH JANUARY 2007 / 14TH POUSHA 1928

W.P.(C).No.34485 of 2006(S)

PETITIONER:-

A.S. BABU, AGED 40,
S/O.KUNJAPPAN ASHAN, ARESSERIL HOUSE,
WARD NO.14, ARTHUNKAL P.O.,
CHERTHALA, ALAPPUZHA.

BY ADV. SRI.K.RONALD JOSE
SRI.V.P.MOHAMMED NIYAZ

RESPONDENTS:-

1. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ALAPPUZHA.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.T.B.HOOD.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 04/01/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:-

V.K.Bali,C.J. & M.Ramachandran,J.

W.P.(C).No.34485 of 2006-S

Dated, this the 4th day of January, 2007

JUDGMENT

V.K.Bali,C.J. (Oral)

Petitioner herein, who claims to be a public spirited person, has filed this petition in public interest under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking declaration of a local holiday on the Feast of St.Sebastian on 20th January, 2007. India is a multi religious and linguistic country. Every religion has its own history, where there are several important events or occasions. If for every occasion a holiday is to be declared in a country like ours, all 365 days may be holidays. Already in a calendar year so many days have been declared to be holidays and we all know, the working days may be between 210 and 240 days in so far as the High Court or Supreme Court is concerned. The position may not be different with regard to Government and its various departments. The work culture is on decline. Declaration of more

holidays added to the long number of present holidays would serve no public interest. The present petition rather appears to be an anti public interest litigation. Dismissed.

V.K.Bali
Chief Justice

M.Ramachandran
Judge

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